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Prince of Peace Stewardship Newsletter
September 2020

Sacramental Celebrations



Circumstances may have delayed springtime sacraments, but nothing stopped Prince of Peace 2nd graders from receiving their first communion on June 13th and 14th. In two separate, private Masses, 36 young parishioners partook, for the first time, of the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Savior through the holy Eucharist. Congratulations to each and every one of them!



Traditionally, RCIA members are confirmed and receive the Eucharist for the first time during the Easter Vigil. However, the suspension of Masses left our church empty during Holy Week and postponed the welcoming of two new members into the Catholic Faith. John Icenogle and Lindsay Lund renewed their baptismal vows and received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion at the Saturday evening Mass on June 13th.





A Vocation of Service to God and Others

Dana Kennedy, daughter of parishioners, Jim and Lisa Kennedy, has spent the last 18 years serving God and His church, both in the United States and abroad.

Born and raised in Kearney, Dana was baptized as an infant in the Lutheran Church. Jim and Lisa were very active in their church, volunteering in its youth ministry programs. When Dana was 10, her mom started having long, theological conversations with a Catholic coworker leading her to read and learn more about Catholicism. Lisa ultimately decided to convert. Dana recalls that despite the controversy and unrest this caused within their church and extended family, she could see how happy the Catholic faith made her mother. Even as a young girl Dana knew she wanted that happiness for herself, and told her parents that she wanted to become Catholic too. Dana says that when she made her first communion as a Catholic, she felt like she truly met Christ for the first time and began a personal friendship with Him.

As a high school freshman, Dana, an avid soccer player, played for the varsity team. She saw a future playing soccer in college, getting married, and having a family. A trip to Rome in her junior year changed that vision for her. During the trip, Dana met a group of girls who were discerning a vocation devoted to God and the Church; they were girls just like her. When she asked them what it meant to choose such a vocation, they told her they were giving God the first chance to let them know what He wanted for them. This idea was so appealing to Dana that she decided to spend her last year of high school at the Rhode Island Immaculate Conception Academy, a Catholic boarding school for girls.

Inspired by the story of the young rich man who came to Jesus and asked what he needed to do in order to have eternal life, Dana found herself being called to dedicate her life to serving God and others as a missionary. In the story, which appears in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus ultimately tells the young man that he would have treasure in heaven if he sold all of his possessions and gave to the poor. All three gospels mention the sadness of the young man as he walked away from Jesus, unable to part with his wealth. Dana says she often wondered why the young man made that choice if it made him sad. So she decided to take the path Jesus spoke of for herself, in search of happiness.



Dana at her Consecration

After completing a candidacy program to further discern her vocation, Dana took vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience to become a Consecrated Woman of Regnum Christi, which is similar to a nun. Regnum Christi is a Federation within the Catholic Church dedicated to missionary work helping others encounter Christ through prayer life, forming them to be strong in their Catholic faith, and sending them out into the world to form others.

While she knew she was making the right decision for her future, Dana says it was still not easy to walk away from all of her possessions, or the safety and comforts of home and family. However, she said, "We are called to be in the world, but not of the world."

Dana began her life as a consecrated woman, serving middle school and high school youth in New England for more than two years. She has since served in

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Dana with the youth in Mexico



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Dana with her Regnum Christi Community

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Pennsylvania and Michigan, and spent the last nine years in Guadalajara, and Monterey, Mexico. Dana recently returned home for an extended stay in Kearney while waiting for her passport to be renewed so she can move on to her next assignment in Madrid, Spain. While she is here, the Prince of Peace middle school and high school youth will benefit from her knowledge, experience, and faith as she assists with the Edge and LifeTeen programs.

When talking about her vocation, Dana said, "Joy goes so much deeper than suffering or trials. It hasn't been an easy 18 years, but it has been so fulfilling."



Dana and her family

Since March, we have...



...celebrated Holy Days at home...



Dog Gone It!
SpringFest has
been
POSTPONED!!!

...changed our expectations...



...and found new ways to celebrate graduates.



Even though we are living in uncertain times, and "norms" are ever-changing, the Bible reminds us:

*Jesus is the same
YESTERDAY
and
TODAY
and
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HEBREWS 13:8*



Why Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament? Is it for me?



Just as you spend time with your other friends, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is an opportunity to spend time with our Lord. It is a sign of our devotion and love of Jesus, who is present Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity under the appearance of the consecrated Host. “By worshiping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, we are gently transformed as the Lord draws us to Himself.”

www.catholic-church.org. Retrieved 24 December 2018.

Adoration has existed almost as long as the church itself, becoming more formalized after the Council of Trent in the 16th Century. Even though many churches in eastern Nebraska have had perpetual adoration (twenty-four/seven) for over fifty years, and just this year St. Mary’s in Bellevue celebrated sixty-five years, few people in the Grand Island Diocese are familiar with it. Currently though, adoration is beginning in many parishes throughout the Diocese and it is Bishop Hanefeldt’s desire that an adoration chapel be built.

An hour in front of our Lord passes quickly. The blessing of silence in His presence allows the prayers for family, friends, the Church, our country and world to flow. We bring Him praise and ask for guidance. At Prince of Peace, we especially ask that every participant offer prayers for vocations and our current seminarians. There are books provided to enrich your faith and prayers, but just sitting in the Lord’s presence carries you beyond the cares of the day into the arms of God.

We offer 22 hours of adoration each week with a few holiday exceptions. Our hours overlap such that every half hour a new person arrives to take an hour. For this reason, no one is left waiting for another person to arrive and there are 2 people praying each hour. A day captain sends out a weekly reminder which gives people a chance to find a substitute from the volunteer list or a friend to take their hour if needed. Currently, adoration goes from 8:00 a.m. to midnight on Thursdays and from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Fridays. During Lent, we extend our hours through Thursday night up until Friday at 5:00 p.m., a 33-hour total!! A good next step for Prince of Peace would be to continue until midnight on Fridays during Lent, which would increase the hours to 40 and be known as Quarantore (forty hours), which began in the 16th Century in Milan.

So, is an hour of adoration something the Lord has put in your heart? Why not give it a try! You are welcome to drop in any time, and, as you have read above, we have many supports if you decide to commit to a weekly hour. We are willing to work with you! Just contact Deacon Thomas or Linda at 308-236-6728.



Our beloved St. Pope John Paul II said, “We must understand that in order ‘to do’, we must first learn ‘to be’, that is to say, in the sweet company of Jesus in adoration.”

Is the Lord calling you?

-Linda Martin



Welcome New Parishioners

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New Members to Prince of Peace

Hospitality is one of the four pillars of Stewardship and so we would like to give a warm welcome to the following families that have joined our parish in the last several months. Please extend a welcoming hand to them when you see them during liturgies and parish activities.



Marc & Helen Albrecht
Elaine, Isaac, & Ben



Matthew & Carly Weber
Jack, Georgia, & Blakely



Lee & Angie Jacobsen



Laura & Cody Samuelson



Andrew & Rebecca Miller
Grace & Jacob

Not pictured:

Matt & Beth Arens
Kimberley & Roby Boysen
Carol Davis
Annie Fish
Nathan & Natalie Gile
Matthew & Elizabeth Klinginsmith
Jordan & Tom Littell
Jade Muehlenkamp
Mike Mueller
Geraldine Nielsen
William & Kellie Paschall
Michaela Rodriguez
Shawn & Cortney Ryan
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Emily Sidio
Cheryl & Noah Smith
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Emily Zenisek-Tucker

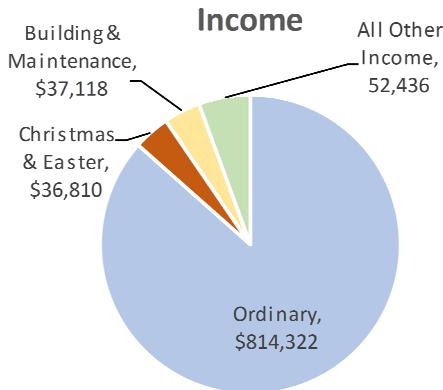


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July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020



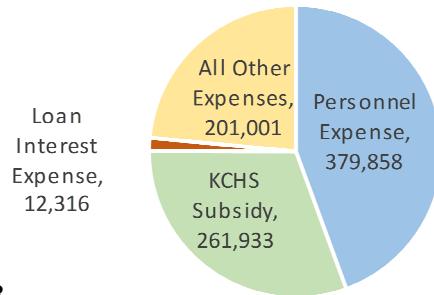
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Personnel Expense	\$379,858
KCHS Subsidy	\$261,933
Loan Interest Expense	\$12,316
All Other Expenses	\$201,001
Total Expenses	\$855,108

INCOME

Ordinary	\$814,322
Christmas & Easter	\$36,810
Building & Maintenance	\$37,118
All Other Income	\$52,436
Total Income	\$940,686

Expenses



FISCAL YEAR END PROFIT \$85,578

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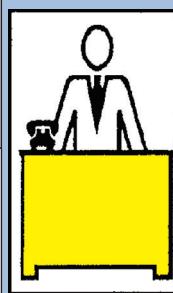
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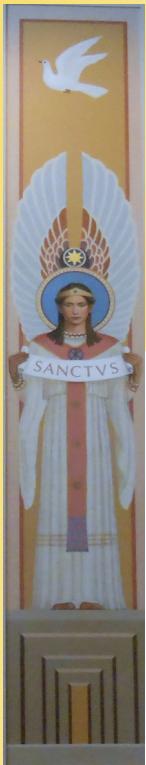
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Faith Formation classes

Faith Formation Registration Forms for the 2020-2021 year are currently being accepted and are available at the church entrances. If you have not yet registered your child(ren), please do so as soon as possible, as some classes are already full.

- ◆ **K through 5th grades** 4:00 or 5:30 PM on Wednesdays/ Sundays at 9:20 AM in the parish hall
- ◆ **EDGE** Wednesdays at 7:00-8:30 PM in the parish hall
- ◆ **Life Teen** Sundays from 7-8:30 PM in the parish hall
- ◆ **Confirmation classes** Sundays from 5-6:30 PM in the parish hall
- ◆ **Youth Masses** Dates to be announced. All are welcome!

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